

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13 and 14, without prejudice or disclaimer, as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A fastening device for a headrest of a vehicle seat having a framing, the device comprising:

two support rods for attachment to the headrest;

two holders attached to the framing of the seat distanced from one another in a direction (Y) transverse to the seat for adjustable guidance of the height of the two headrest support rods, each of the support rods slidable within a respective one of the holders;

[[a]] one of the holders having a guide shell which can accommodate one of the support rods via slidable encasement; and

a carrier mounted ~~on the framing of the vehicle seat~~ to the one of the holders and being movable in a direction transverse to the seat (Y), ~~and onto which the guide shell is being~~ movably mounted to the carrier so that the guide shell pivots relative to the carrier ~~pivot~~ around a first axis which runs in the longitudinal direction of the seat (X), the height of the support rods relative to the seat being adjustable by sliding the support rods within the holders, whereby minor misalignment between the support rods can be compensated for via pivoting of the guide shell relative to the carrier about the first axis.

2. (Currently Amended) A fastening device in accord with claim 1, wherein the guide shell ~~is pivotally supported~~ pivots relative to the carrier about a second axis which runs in a transverse direction (Y) to the seat.

3. (Currently Amended) A fastening device in accord with claim 1, wherein the carrier ~~is placed to pivot~~ pivots about a third axis distanced in the seat height direction (Z) from the first axis and ~~runs~~ running parallel thereto.

4. (Previously Presented) A fastening device in accord with claim 3, wherein the third axis is positioned underneath the first axis.

5. (Currently Amended) A fastening device in accord with claim 4, wherein a section of the carrier above the third axis is ~~affixed~~ fixed relative to the seat framing in the longitudinal direction (X) of the seat and is ~~movably-guided~~ movable in a transverse direction (Y) relative to the seat.

6. (Previously Presented) A fastening device in accord with claim 4, wherein the third axis is defined by two projections located on the seat framing.

7. (Currently Amended) A fastening device in accord with claim 1, wherein the guide shell, via a ring projection protruding from its outer side, linkedly engages in a complementarily shaped recess on the carrier, whereby the surface of the ring projection as well as the coating surface of the recess are both portions of a spherical surface, the center-point of which is also the point of intersection for the first and second axes.

8. (Currently Amended) A fastening device in accord with claim 1, wherein the guide shell ~~supports itself~~ is supported on a counter surface on ~~the~~ an upper end of the carrier ~~by means of~~ via a coating surface flange projecting from its an outside of the guide shell.

9. (Previously Presented) A fastening device in accord with claim 8, wherein respective coating surfaces of the flange and the carrier are portions of spherical surfaces, the center point of which is the point of intersection of the first and second axes.

10. (Currently Amended) A fastening device in accord with claim 1, wherein the carrier is a hollow structural member, which is penetrated by the guide shell, which, in turn, is within a protective encasement affixed to the seat framing, wherein clearance is allowed in the transverse direction (Y) of the seat between the guide shell and the carrier.

11. (Previously Presented) A fastening device in accord with claim 10, wherein walls of the carrier which face in the transverse direction (Y) of the seat, diverge in the direction of a lower end of the walls.

12. (Previously Presented) A fastening device in accord with claim 1, wherein the guide shell is nonrotatably affixed in relation to central axis of the guide shell.

13. (Currently Amended) A fastening device in accord with claim 12, wherein ~~two, radially extending detents, which are located at diametrically opposed positions on the a~~ ring projection of the guide shell includes a radially extending detent located in a complimentary recess, engage themselves in two recesses on the carrier with clearances in the (X), (Y), and (Z) directions.

14. (Currently Amended) A fastening device in accord with claim 13, wherein a further recess is formed by a slot in a Y-direction facing wall of the carrier, the recess extending upward from an area of the complimentary recess of the carrier ~~underneath a recess, which coacts with the ring projection~~ and opens in an upper end-face of the carrier.